

GRATEFUL: AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Luke 17:11-19

INTRODUCTION

Luke 17:11-19 recounts the story of Jesus healing ten lepers, but only one Samaritan returned to thank him. As Christians, constant gratitude toward God should undergird everything we do- not be a distant afterthought. From creating the world, providing for its inhabitants, and sustaining all living things, literally nothing would exist without his benevolent and gracious hand.

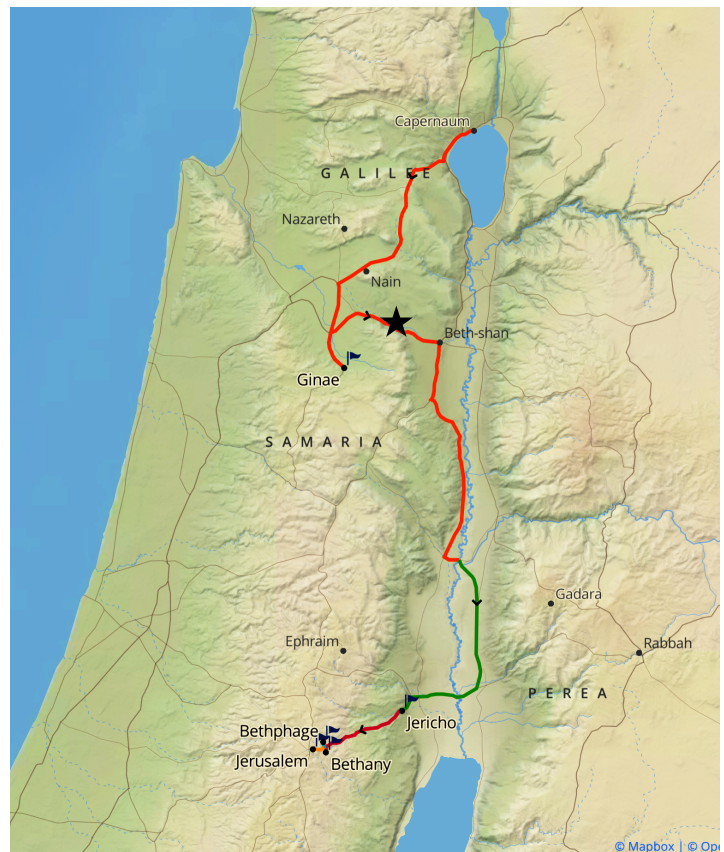
THIS WEEK:

This week, we are reminded of our own need to recognize and respond to God's grace with thankful hearts.

OBSERVATION *What does it SAY?*

Discover important details of the passage by reading Luke 17:11-19 and then answering the following questions:

1. Where was Jesus when he met ten men with leprosy (vv. 11-12)?
2. What were the men's requests, and how did Jesus respond (vv. 13-14)?
3. Describe the Samaritan man's actions once he realized he was healed (vv. 15-16):
4. What three questions were asked by Jesus (v. 17)?



INTERPRETATION *What does it MEAN?*

Use the Bible to interpret the Bible. Look up the cross references and use them to interpret the passage under study:

5. What were the social implications of having leprosy (Lev 13:45-46; Num 5:1-3)?
6. What were the physical (Num 13:1-3) and emotional implications of having leprosy (Luke 5:12-13)?
7. Besides pride, identify in Num 12:2, 6-15 and 2 Chr 26:6-8, 19-21 another underlying sin that brought about God's judgment (Phi 2:3-4):
8. What are the spiritual consequences of not expressing gratitude to God (Rom 1:20-25)?

APPLICATION *Why does it matter?*

Now that you know what the passage means, think through the various ways it may apply to your life or the lives of others:

9. Do you think people are more or less thankful in our day? Explain.
10. What do you think ingratitude does to one spiritually?
11. In what situations or contexts do you find gratitude the most difficult to express?

12. What kind of situation or context inspires you to be the most grateful?

TAKE AWAY *How does this change me?*

13. What does this passage reveal about God?

14. What does this passage reveal about humanity?

15. What is the Holy Spirit revealing in this passage about your life?